11. Representative of Director General of Supplies and Disposals, New Delhi.
12. Director, Fruits and Vegetable Preservation, New Delhi.
13. Quality Marking Centre, Directorate of Industries, Govt. of U.P.
14. Quality Marking Centre, Directorate of Industries, Govt. of Punjab.
15. Rail India Technical and Economic Services Ltd., New Delhi (Ministry of Railways), New Delhi.
16. Chairman, Agricultural Products Export Development Authority, New Delhi.
17. Chairman, Spices Board, Cochin
18. President, Seafood Exporters' Association, Cochin.
19. Chairman, Council for Leather Exports, Madras.

(c) The functions of the EIC as envisaged in the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 is to advise the Central Govt. regarding measures for the enforcement of quality control and inspection in relation to commodities intended for export and to perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by or under the Act.

During the last 3 years, the main activities of the EIC relating to export efforts were on converage of commodities under the aegis of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963; de-notification of commodities from the purview of compulsory preshipment inspection; review of quality standards for exports; simplification and streamlining of compulsory pre-shipment procedures providing extension services through the Export Inspection Agencies (EIAs) to the manufacturers and exporters for making them quality consious by installing quality control drills and upgrading the quality of their products intended for export.

Low exports to USA

1489. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian exports to the USA are on the decline;

(b) if so, to what extent both quantitatively and in terms of value and what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the manner in which Government propose to tackle the problem ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMERS AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Export performance of Agricultural Products

1490. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : SHRI IQBAL SINGH :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what has been the performance of India's agricultural exports during 1992-93;

(b) what are the comparative figures for the year 1991-92;

(c) whether there is a proposal to set up Export Oriented Units in the agricultural sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Exports of agricultural commodities (excluding cotton) during 1991-92 and 1992-93 have been provisionally estimated at US dollar 1882